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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 19 October 2004. Responsive to the objections and rejections made in the Official Action, Claims 1, 4, 5, 8 and 9 have been amended to clarify the language thereof and Claims 1 and 8 have also been amended to clarify the combination of elements which form the invention of the subject Patent Application. Claims 7 and 12 have been amended to correct their dependency.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to the Specification and requested that the status of the Parent Application be amended to show that the Application has issued as U.S. Patent 6,644,147. Accordingly, the Specification has been amended as requested by the Examiner.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to Claim 6, 7, 12 and 13 because both Claims 6 and 7 depended from Claim 4 and recited the same limitation and Claims 12 and 13 both depended from Claim 10 that also recited the same limitation.

Claim 7 has been amended to change its dependency to Claim 5, thereby obviating the duplication of the combination of elements being defined thereby. Claim 13 has been cancelled thereby obviating the duplication of the subject matter of Claim 12.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 2-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out

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and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner stated that Claims 2 and 8 were indefinite because the first through hole was recited earlier in the Claim and the recitation of another through hole rendered the Claim indefinite.

The subject matter of Claim 2 has been incorporated into Claim 1, and that subject matter, along with Claim 8 has been amended to correct the typographical error which was found in each of Claims 2 and 8. Thus, it is now believed that the Claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, as being anticipated by Chiang, U.S. Patent 6,250,183. The Examiner stated that the Chiang reference disclosed all of the limitations of Claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 2 therein, thereby adding limitations not found in the Chiang reference. Further, it is respectfully submitted that the Chiang reference does not disclose a longitudinally extended barrel wherein the barrel has a plurality of teeth formed on an outer periphery thereof and located longitudinally on the barrel to be in correspondence with the enlarged open portion of the first through hole of the body. In contradistinction, the referenced system discloses a sleeve 50 having a gear 51 formed thereon and a bore 54 into which the barrel 30 is received. Thus, the barrel 30 must engage the sleeve 50, by means of one or

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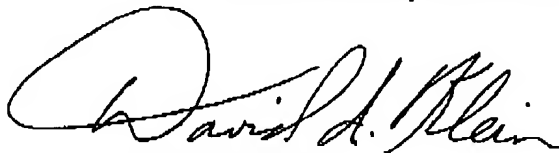
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more ears 33, wherein the pawls 70 and 71 in turn provide engagement with the teeth of the gear 51.

Whereas, the invention of the subject Patent Application provides direct driving of the barrel by the pawls of the invention of the subject Patent Application. Therefore, as the reference fails to disclose each and every one of the elements of the invention of the subject Patent Application as now claimed, it cannot anticipate that invention. Further, as the reference teaches away from the invention of the subject Patent Application, it cannot make obvious that invention either.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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